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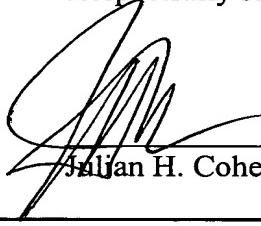
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We draw the attention of the Examiner to the attached reference which is considered in the specification and which is also listed on the attached Form PTO-1449.

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